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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications  
Director of Data Processing  
Director of Finance  
Director of Logistics  
Director of Medical Services  
Director of Personnel  
Director of Security  
Director of Training

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Use of Code Designations in Cables and Telepouches

25X1A 1. Attached are copies of a memorandum from John McMahon and my concurring response on the subject of increasing the use of cryptonyms and pseudonyms in cables and telepouches. A draft revision of paragraph 3c of HHB [REDACTED] is attached to the DDO's memorandum. As you can see from my response, I believe that security will be enhanced if the Agency adopts his proposal.

25X1A 2. It will take some time to coordinate and publish the revised paragraph for HHB [REDACTED] but there is no reason why we should not begin immediately to move in the direction of a greater use of cryptonyms and pseudonyms in cables and telepouches. Please issue appropriate instructions within your offices.

7s/ Michael J. Malanick

*for* John F. Blake

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Use of Code Designations in Cables and Telepouches

REFERENCE: Your memorandum dtd 22 Sep 78, same subject  
(DD/O 78-5969)

1. I agree that it would be useful to return to the practice of using cryptonyms and pseudonyms in cables and telepouches to protect sensitive information from inadvertent exposure in the event the paper copies of the messages are compromised in some fashion. Some increase in communications workload is predictable but the security advantage is clearly worth that small additional cost.

2. I have submitted your draft revision of paragraph 3c of HHB [redacted] to the Regulations Control Branch (RCB) for preliminary work preparatory to formal coordination of the change. Please let RCB know if the other Deputy Directors make any changes which would significantly change the language of the proposed revision. <sup>25X1A</sup>

3. I am sending a copy of your memorandum and the draft paragraph for HHB [redacted] to my Office Directors with the instruction that they begin immediately to move in the direction of a greater use of cryptonyms and pseudonyms in cables and telepouches, anticipating issuance of the new instructions.

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/s/ Michael J. Melanick  
John F. Blake

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
Deputy Director for National Foreign  
Assessment Center  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM : John N. McMahon  
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Use of Code Designations in Cables and  
Telepouches

Several years ago the rules governing the use of cryptonyms and pseudonyms in cables were changed to permit greater use of true names on the basis that cables are secure during their transmission. This has resulted in a greater use of true names than is believed to be advisable. I would like to propose that stricter rules be substituted for those now in effect. The attached draft revision of paragraph 3.c. of HHB [REDACTED] has been prepared to that end. It is based on paragraph 3.c. of the previous edition of HHB [REDACTED]. I will appreciate receiving your concurrence or comments regarding the draft.

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John N. McMahon

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25X1A Per paragraph 2 of Mr. Blake's memorandum to Mr. McMahon, please prepare the draft revision of paragraph 3c of HHB [REDACTED] for coordination. Touch base with O/DDO before you actually send it out for comments however.

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